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House of Assembly,
Parliament Street,
CAPETOWN.

Dear Helen,

I went to see Winnie on Friday and she asked me to post the enclosed letter to you. I will first have a copy of it made tomorrow and will then send it off.

There was one thing she wanted me to tell you about which she had forgotten to put in the letter. She says that Nelson has been anxious to see his lawyers (Ismail Ayub and George Bizos) since the beginning of the year, but that the Prisons Department is insisting that any visit they make will be counted as a family visit and subtracted from the number of visits the family will be allowed. She says this has never happened before. At the same time the Department is also insisting that each visit should only last half-an-hour. The effect of this is that if she goes to see Nelson on a Saturday and Sunday, and spends more than half-an-hour on each visit, the Department may well decide that she has had four visits and not two. She says that this was never the case on Robben Island, where, depending on what the person in charge was like, she frequently spent an hour seeing Nelson and it was only treated as a single visit. She says that the implication of the ruling about lawyer's visits is that a consultation lasting two hours would be counted as four family visits and subtracted from the year's quota. She would very much like you to take the matter up. One would like to think this new bastardliness was a sickness confined to Pollsmoor but I suspect that it all comes from Pretoria. Anyway, good luck !

She also asked me to ask if you were having any luck with your efforts to get somebody to put up a building for the clinic in her backyard. She seems to have quite got over that infection that laid her low last year and, apart from her concern over the things she has written to you about, seemed fine.

I hope you are keeping well.

Yours sincerely,

Pete Brown